

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, please add the following Related Applications section:

-- **RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/183,305 filed June 27, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. _____, the entire disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference. --

On page 4 of the specification, after the last paragraph in the Brief Description of the Drawings section, please insert the following:

-- **FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the mattress cover of the present invention.** --

On page 9 of the specification, before the last paragraph of the specification, please insert the following paragraph:

-- **FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the mattress cover 10 of the present invention. As mentioned earlier, the zipper 22 can be positioned on the cover 10 at any desired location. As shown in FIG. 6, the zipper 22 is provided in a generally C-shaped configuration on the top wall 18 or bottom wall 19 and extending along three of the walls 22 of the cover 10. The zipper 22 can be unzipped, a mattress 20 inserted thereinto, and the zipper 22 zipped.**